

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 16th July 2017

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## IRTS Contest News

Six IRTS members formed the team operating the IRTS Headquarters Station, call sign EI0HQ, for the IARU HF World Championship contest last weekend, 8th/9th July, and between them made more than three thousand QSOs. Propagation on the higher frequency bands was limited, however 20 metres was open for much of the 24 hours. The next big international contest is the RSGB Islands On The Air contest, taking place over the weekend of 29th/30th July. This contest is always well supported by EI and GI stations. Expect to hear some Irish offshore islands during the contest: the announced operations to date include activations of Tory Island and Bere Island.

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## South Dublin Radio

SDR will host a talk Tuesday July 18th on the history of Radio Broadcasting in Ireland

Eddie Bohan is a broadcast historian most recently involved in the TV series The Wireless. He has written many books including Rebel Radio telling for the first time the complete story of the 1916 radio broadcasts.

Talks are free for visitors. The club open at 8.30pm and talks start at 9pm. All are welcome [www.southdublinradioclub.ie](http://www.southdublinradioclub.ie)

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## South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will activate Hook Lighthouse ILLW Ref: IE0003 on Saturday and Sunday the 19th & 20th of August 2017 as part of the 20th International Lighthouse & Lightship weekend. Hook Lighthouse is located on the South-East coast of Ireland in County Wexford. The present structure is about 800 years old and is the oldest intact operational lighthouse in the world. Hook Lighthouse offers guided tours of the lighthouse tower all year around and is one of the top things to do in the Wexford and Waterford areas. For more info on the Hook Lighthouse please see [www.hookheritage.ie](http://www.hookheritage.ie)

The July meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on Monday the 31st of

July at 8pm. sharp. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio or the group are as always very welcome to attend.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can come along to any of our meetings. You can check our website [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie) and you can also follow join us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

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### **Limerick Radio Club**

A banner depicting the 9 QSL cards and award certificate for working the Wild Atlantic Way counties will be exhibited this weekend at the International Amateur Radio Exhibition in Friedrichshafen, Germany. The banner also contains text in German and English. Consequently it is expected that the WAW initiative will result in additional interest, so we encourage participation from EI land. See [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie) where you can book a call sign for any of the 9 WAW counties through the Call Sign Co-ordinator, all of which are on the IRTS web site.

Plans are very advanced for the Limerick Radio Club's participation in the International Lighthouse and Lightship Weekend at Loop Head Lighthouse on the 19th and 20th August. It will be the 6th year operating from Loop Head and we thank Clare Co Co and the Commissioners for Irish Lights for allowing LRC to operate from within the Lighthouse compound. It is a very popular event with an average of 14 club members participating at various times over the 2 days.

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### **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will activate Ballinacourty Lighthouse ILLW Ref: IE0018 on Saturday and Sunday 19th & 20th August 2017 as part of the 20th International Lighthouse & Lightship weekend. Ballinacourty Lighthouse is located on the south coast of Ireland in County Waterford. The light at Ballinacourty was first established on 1st July 1858. The club will use the callsign EI7T for the activation.

The July meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place in The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Thursday 27th July at 8.30pm. New members or anyone interested in amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can come along to any of our meetings. You can check our website [www.ei7trg.ie](http://www.ei7trg.ie) or contact club PRO Ronan EI4KN at QTHR for further information.

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## **DX News**

Philip G4PWO will be spending a two week holiday in the Maldives. He will be QRV from 18th July as 8Q7PW. Activity will be on SSB and some Digital. Logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World and QSLs should be sent via his home callsign.

A group of Russian operators will activate Iony Island from 18th to 22nd July using the callsign RI0C. The island was last on the air in 1990 (as EK0AC) so demand for this one is expected to be high. The IOTA reference is AS-069 and QSL Manager is R7AL.

Tim VE6SH will sign V29SH from the island of Antigua from 23rd July to 5th August. This is a holiday style operation and he will be mainly on 30m and 17m. QSLs go via the home call.

Prefix chasers may be interested in SC40VIC. This is a special event station to celebrate the 40th birthday of the Swedish Crown Princess Victoria. The station will be on the air until the end of 2017. The QSL manager is SM6JSM.

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## **Special Event Radio Station from Royal Mint**

GB4RME will operate from inside the Royal Mint in Llantrisant Wales. The special event station will operate from 30th July until 5th August 2017. More information available on [www.bars.btil.com](http://www.bars.btil.com)

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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